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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: PROCESS FOR DETECTING HIV-3
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Examiner: ZEMAN, R.A.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 10, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2004 for which the three-month date for response is September 10, 2004.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0025.DVUS03.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.